

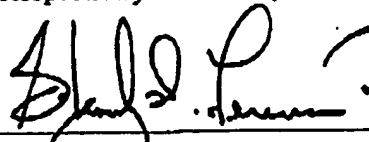
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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 17, 2005, pending Claims 9 and 11-18 were allowed, Claims 5-8 were objected to as depending from a rejected claim, and Claims 1-4 were rejected and the rejection made final. In response Applicants have filed herewith an Amendment After Final in which Claims 1-4 have been cancelled and Claims 5 and 7-8 have been rewritten in independent form. It should be noted these amendments are not in acquiescence of the Office's position on allowability of the claims, but merely to expedite prosecution.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 5-8 are now in condition for allowance. As noted above, Claims 9 and 11-18 have previously been allowed. Thus is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 5-9 and 11-18, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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